



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

Rabbi Sarel Malitzky - Rabbi

Arkady Broder - President

Rabbi Yaakov Luban - Rabbi Emeritus

**Parshat Vayikra**

**13 Adar II 5784**

**March 23, 2024**

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

**Candlelighting:** 6:54 PM  
**Mincha/Kabolas Shabbos: 7:00 PM (Main Shul)**  
**Shacharis:**  
**7:45 AM (Social Hall) 9AM (Main Shul) 9:15 AM (YFM)**  
*Hashkama Speaker: Rabbi Malitzky*  
*Sof Zman Krias Shma 9:59 AM*  
*Extra Zochor Readings: After Hashkama ~ 9:35 AM, after main minyan ~ 11 AM, 6:10 PM*  
*Rabbi Malitzky's Gemara Avodah Zara Shiur: 5:30 PM*  
**Mincha (Main Shul): 1:45, & 6:20 PM**  
*There will be no Shalosh Seudos in Shul*  
**Shabbos Ends: 8:03 PM**  
*SEE PURIM SCHEDULE FOR SHABBOS MAARIV AND SUNDAY TIMES*  
**Mon. & Thu. 6:20, 7:05 & 8:00 AM**  
**Tues, Weds., Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8:00 AM**  
*All Minyanim will meet in the Main Sanctuary except for the second Minyan Monday through Friday.*  
**Weekday Mincha/Maariv 7:05 PM**  
**Early Mincha (Sunday) 1:45 PM**  
**Late Maariv: (Sun.-Thurs.) 10:10 PM**  
*Daf Yomi schedule for daylight savings time:*  
Monday -Thursday -after z'man Maariv  
Friday -after Maariv  
Shabbos -45 min before Mincha  
Sunday -after 8 am Shacharis

### **KIDDUSH**

Kiddush is sponsored by Ricki and Moish Nat to commemorate the Yahrtzeit of Ricki's father שמואל דוד בן משה הלוי

### **HAVDALAH**

Shabbos ends at 8:03. After 8:03, Havdalah can be recited. Before Havdalah, one must recite *Baruch Hamavdil Bein Kodesh L'chol* to allow one to take a fire for *borei meorei ha'esh*. One can say a full Havdalah and do Melacha. There will also be (a musical) Havdalah in Shul after Megilla.

### **GEMORA AVODA ZARA SHIUR WITH**

#### **RABBI MALITZKY**

The Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Malitzky is starting a new Mishna this Shabbos. Take a nap after your Shabbos Seuda and join our Gemara Shiur! The Shiur takes place 50 minutes before Mincha every Shabbos afternoon in the YFM room. Gemaras are provided.

### **PURIM SAFETY**

As we prepare for Purim night and are excited to see all the creative costumes, for safety and security, please remove all masks and head coverings that prevent facial recognition as you enter the Shul.

### **MAZEL TOV**

... to Rabbi Yaakov and Faigie Luban on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter to their children, Binyamin Simcha and Shira Luban.  
...Debby and Greg Botvinik on the birth of a grandson, a son to their children Andrew and Stephanie. Mazel Tov to Stephanie's parents, Brian and Karyn Gold, and to all the aunts the uncles and all the cousins.  
...to Rachel & Alan Kluger on the birth of a grandson, a son to their children Tzirel & Jonny Kluger. Mazel Tov to the entire Kluger, Modlin, Wohlgemuth and Zimmerman families  
...to Noah and Merav Krasner on the birth of a grandson, a son to their children Matan and Chen Krasner. Mazel Tov to the great grandparents Dov and Hanna Halperin, grandparents Izik and Dena Atoon, Uncles and Aunts Yovel and Jerry Miler, Yarin Krasner and the entire Krasner, Atoon and Halperin families.  
... to Debby and Arthur Atlas on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter to their children Abby and Menachem Lazar of Israel. Mazel Tov to Reuben and Racheli Atlas and the entire extended family.

### **PURIM SCHEDULE**

Maariv: 8:35 PM  
**Megilla not before 8:45 PM**  
*Youth Entertainment – Balloon Artist and Basketball Show: 8:40 PM*  
*Megillah followed by Musical Havdalah and Purim in the Shuk (Social Hall)*  
**Late Megilla: 10:15 PM**  
Purim Day:  
Shacharis: 7, 8 & 9 AM  
**Megilla at approximately 7:35, 8:35 and 9:35 AM**  
There will be a 9:00 AM teen Shacharis Minyan with Megilah reading in the YFM room.  
**Megilla only: 10:45 AM**  
Early Mincha 1:45 & 4 PM  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:05 PM  
Late Maariv 10:10 PM

### **OT SISTERHOOD'S**

#### **MISHLOACH MANOT PROGRAM**

Thanks to our wonderful community's generous participation in the OT Sisterhood's Mishloach Manot Program:  
- 112 IDF Soldiers will be receiving Mishloach Manot packages  
- 86 Displaced Families will be receiving Enhanced Mishloach Manot packages

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

- 111 displaced families will be treated to Purim Seudot

Yasher Ko'ach and Kol Ha'kavod to everyone that helped make this meaningful initiative possible!

Everyone is invited to a fun-filled and delicious Purim celebration in the "OT Shuk" right after Megillah reading!

### **MATANOS L'EYONIM- RABBI MALITZKY**

The amount of Tzedaka donated by members of our shul to causes in Israel since October 7th is astonishing. Although this generosity is incredible, it has made raising funds for local families in need that much more challenging. I ask that you open your hearts and wallets to help families in our own community. I will be your messenger in delivering the funds directly to local families in need on Purim day, the most ideal way to fulfill the Mitzvah of Matanos L'Evyonim. To fulfill the Mitzvah:

- 1) Check made out to Ohr Torah Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Please note Matanos L'Evyonim in the memo. You can hand me the check in Shul, drop it off in the Shul mailbox, or put it in the mail slot by our house (612 South Park Ave in Highland Park).
- 2) Zelle: [payohrtorah@gmail.com](mailto:payohrtorah@gmail.com) and write Matanos L'Evyonim in the memo
- 3) Credit card: <https://www.ohrtorah.net/services/ccpay.html> (<https://www.ohrtorah.net/services/ccpay.html>). Please choose Matanos L'Evyonim as the reason.

### **CONDOLENCES**

Congregation Ohr Torah expresses deepest regrets to the family of Frank Akman, Z"L, father of Aaron, Benjy and Danny Akman *May you be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

### **SHAIMOS COLLECTION**

Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this year's community Shaimos Collection on Sunday, March 31, 2024, from 9:30AM to 6PM. The cost is \$27 per large garbage sized bags. Please make all checks out to Congregation Ohr Torah. (Coordinator/questions) Lyndon Goldsmith, 732-470-1047. Seforim sale: There will also be a used Seforim sale at this time, Great Bargains!!! Come find your hard-to-find and/or out-of-print books and stock up your home libraries.

**REMINDER: Emergency Defibrillators are located on the upstairs wall hallway & the entry hallway downstairs.**

**Please note the location of the new First Aid Kits mounted on the wall below/above each Defibrillator.**

**CHEVRA HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY: 732-456-6666, CHAVERIM: 732-844-3577**

## **WEDNESDAY MORNING SHIUR FOR WOMEN**

All women are invited to join Rabbi Malitzky for a weekly Shiur. The Shiur takes place in the Beis Medrash at 10am. Coffee and tea will be served! This week's Shiur will be a Parsha Shiur.

### **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

Dear Ohr Torah members,

Our Shul is blessed with incredible volunteer leaders who are generous with their time, expertise, and selfless dedication to make sure our Shul and all its Tefillot, programs and special events run smoothly throughout the year. This past year, at least a dozen volunteers have stepped down or scaled back from their leadership roles and volunteerism after many years of service.

In recognition of these distinguished and selfless individuals, the Shul is setting aside Shabbat Parshat Shmini and Parshat Hachodesh - April 6 - to hear inspirational words on the importance and value of those engaged in Tzordei Tzibbur from Rabbi Malitzky. And we would like to acknowledge them with a special Kiddush at both the Hashkama and main Minyanim. We are asking our Shul community to consider supporting this special recognition by sponsoring the Kiddush for a minimum of \$20 per family by clicking here. For questions or to help with this special Shabbat, please contact Josh Caplan (email: [joshcaplan@gmail.com](mailto:joshcaplan@gmail.com) or cell: 917-848-6326). The deadline for being included in the printed Sponsorship list is Thursday, March 28.

Josh is also putting together a list of the "outgoing" leaders and volunteers to whom we are expressing our Hakarat Hatov (see below). Please email him with any additional names of people of whom he may not be aware that should be included in the list (in formation).

Thank you so much for helping us show our collective appreciation for these very special people!

Sariel Malitzky, Rabbi  
Arkady Broder, President  
In Honor of:

- Evan Abrahams
- Russell Adler
- Brian Allen
- Arthur Atlas
- Mel Barenholtz
- Noa Elbaum
- Payam Hanian
- Seymour Kessel
- Robert Kreitman
- Leslie Ney
- Rabbi Josh Rapps
- Gedalia Reiss
- Phil Rosen
- Barry Siegel
- Barry Wolf

### **COMMUNITY LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM**

BEARING WITNESS AND SUPPORTING ISRAEL IN THIS TIME OF NEED

Join us for a special Lunch & Learn program presented for our Jewish Community by Our Jewish Community!  
Date: April 2, 2024  
Time: 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Location: Congregation Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Road, Edison  
Topic: Bearing Witness and Supporting Israel in This Time of Need  
Description:

- See and hear from the Highland Park/Edison Mizrahi Mission.
  - Travel virtually to Israel and experience the situation firsthand through video and personal accounts.
  - Learn how you can support Israel during this challenging time.
- Lunch: Enjoy a delicious hot lunch with all the trimmings (\$16.00 per person)  
Space is limited, RSVP no later than MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>. MUST RSVP and PREPAY tickets for entry at the door.  
Online [www.ohrtorah.net/lunch](http://www.ohrtorah.net/lunch)  
ZELLE [payohrtorah@gmail.com](mailto:payohrtorah@gmail.com)  
Check made out to Congregation Ohr Torah or Cash  
Mailed or Placed in SHUL MAILBOX 48 Edgemount Road

### **ANNUAL YOUTH DEPARTMENT RAFFLE**

Our first prize is a 50/50 Earnings prize, and our second prize is a Glatt 27 Gift Card worth \$100! The proceeds from the raffle will go towards funding our Shul Youth Programming.

Our drawing for the raffle will take place at our Pre-Pesach Youth Event on Sunday 4/14/24 at 1pm. Donation tickets for the raffle are priced at \$36 each or 3 for \$100. You can pay with cash, check, or our Shul Zelle account—

[payohrtorah@gmail.com](mailto:payohrtorah@gmail.com)

Please reach out to any member of our Raffle Team to buy your tickets!

Gavi Berkovits - 201.675.2510  
Maggie Brooks - 848.391.5612  
Charlie Gershbaum - 917.848.6750  
Shira Goldberg - 609.571.7537  
Esti Strauss - 646.824.7336

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **MARCH FOR ISRAEL AT RUTGERS!**

Join us to support the release of Israeli hostages held by Hamas since October 7th and raise awareness of the illegal and antisemitic resolution that is calling for the divestment of Israeli companies and institutions like Tel Aviv University. When: Tuesday March 26th at 1pm  
Where: The Brower Commons, 145 College Ave New Brunswick, NJ 08901

#### **GLOBAL ISRAEL ALLIANCE FUNDRAISER SHIUR**

Rabbi Moshe Rothchild delivered a very inspiring and informative speech regarding helping women who have lost their husband's due to the October 7th massacre and current war. To listen, go to <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B77qxYpNcc5-CivJTsel7oGP3KZAy2x/view?usp=sharing>

To contribute to this worthy cause, please make out checks to "Global Israel Alliance" and give to Aliyana at 400 North 8th Avenue, Edison or Zelle to [rabbirothchild@gmail.com](mailto:rabbirothchild@gmail.com). Tax deductible donations can also be made via the website,

<https://war-in-israel.org/>.

### **RCCS – GIDDY'S EVENT**

Rofeh Cholim Cancer Society (RCCS), an organization that provides an array of services to cancer patients and their families in Highland Park/Edison and around the world, will be having their fundraising event at the all new Giddy's Pizza and Cafe on March 27th from 7:45-9:45 PM. Come out and show your support for our local patients, and check out the newest restaurant! Can't make it to the event? Donate now, <https://www.rccscancer.org/raritan-valley/>

### **MATANOS L'EYONIM - PURIM 5784**

Rabbi Brudny and Rabbi Sauer will IY"H be raising funds for *Matanos L'Evyonim* as has been done in the past. Rabbi Sauer will be available at his home, 150 Washington Ave in Edison, on Purim Day, through late afternoon.

Rabbi Sauer will be collecting for Rabbi Brudny's Matanos L'Evyonim Fund. He will be IYH at the 800 and 900 Shachris Minyanim on Purim morning. Matanos L'Evyonim will be distributed on Purim Day. Checks can be mailed to Matanos L'Evyonim, 150 Washington Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817 and made payable to Toras Chesed. Sent via Zelle: to [matevyon@gmail.com](mailto:matevyon@gmail.com). Rabbi Sauer can be reached by phone at (323)877-2448 or by email: [acssauer@gmail.com](mailto:acssauer@gmail.com).

Rabbi Brudny can be reached by phone at (732) 668-3546 or by email: [ababrudny@gmail.com](mailto:ababrudny@gmail.com)

### **ANNUAL AY CLOTHING GIVEAWAY**

The Annual AY Clothing Giveaway is back!!!! Come take from our beautiful selection of new and gently worn clothing for the whole family! Sunday March 31st, 10-4 at Ahavas Yisrael (1587 Rte 27, Edison). Any questions or to donate clothing in excellent condition, contact: Lisa Cohen (732) 606-2996 or Ida Sheiner (917) 439-6163.

### **NETIVOT FUNDRAISER RAFFLE**

Netivot is running a raffle with a \$10,000 prize! Only 360 tickets will be sold, one ticket at each price point from \$1-\$360. Play now at [mynetivot.com/360](http://mynetivot.com/360) Winner drawn on March 20!

### **TOMCHEI SHABBOS**

Tomchei Shabbos Needs your Help! In recent weeks, there has been a significant increase in the number of families seeking assistance from Tomchei Shabbos. With Pesach quickly approaching, we need your help to ensure that Tomchei Shabbos can continue to provide the vital support that these families in our community depend on. You can donate at <http://www.tomcheimc.org>

### **WEEKLY PARSHA LECTURE**

Weekly lecture on Parasha of the week with insights from Rabbi Soloveichik ZT"L available via Zoom Thursdays from 1-2 PM.  
Meeting ID: 937 3984 8354  
Passcode: 939755  
Contact Rabbi Josh Rapps, at 9086164718 or [jrapps@bloomberg.net](mailto:jrapps@bloomberg.net) for more info.

### **EMUNAH AND TEHILLIM**

Presented by Barbara Frisch. Sun Mornings Twice a month at Cong Ahavas Israel and on Zoom For the protection of chayalim and klal Yisroel Info email [BungaresQ@aol.com](mailto:BungaresQ@aol.com)

### **BUILD YOUR MUSCLE & MERIT**

Men's Only Hours have come to a local gym. Contact PINNY 551-206-1398 for more info.

### **IT TAKES A VILLAGE OF EDISON/HP**

Are you a single mom or dad living in Edison/HP? It Takes a Village of Edison/HP is here to help. Below is a list of services we offer. If you need something that is not listed below, you can always ask! Babysitting, Tutoring and homework, Dinners, Transportation, Errands, Financial guidance, Handyman/Plumbing, Heavy Shlepping, Furniture

**PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SHUL NEAT...PLEASE RETURN SIDDURIM & CHUMASHIM TO THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY AFTER DAVENING.**

Assembly, Referrals, etc. To request help or to offer services, contact: Rivka Jaffe 732 762 0490, Julia Jamen 917 847 017, Rikki Samel 732 742 4559, Rivka Teresh 347 598 9448

### **FREE LARGE PRINT HAGGADAHS**

For over 90 years, JBI has helped people who have visual impairment, are blind, or have a print disability to participate in the most treasured of Jewish rituals, the Passover Seder, by providing FREE large print, braille, and audio format Haggadot.

If you or someone you know needs a large print, braille, or audio format Haggadah this year, please visit JBI's [website](http://www.JBILibrary.org) at [www.JBILibrary.org](http://www.JBILibrary.org) or call JBI toll free at 1-800-999-6476 **before April 11** and they will be happy to send you your *Haggadah*, completely free of charge. They have many different versions available—request yours today!

### **NORPAC 2024 - MISSION-IN PERSON**

NORPAC's Mission to Washington is an annual event where we bring close to a thousand citizen activists to Washington, DC, in order to advocate for a stronger U.S.-Israel relationship with Members of Congress. Join us on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, as we travel Washington, DC. On a single-day trip you will meet with Members of Congress and their staff and share your concerns with them about foreign aid to Israel, Iran, security cooperation, and more.

Help us make a difference once again!

Buses will leave for Washington DC from our area at 6:30 AM and return between 9-10 PM. There will be briefings on the bus. All meals will be provided. Register at [www.norpac.net](http://www.norpac.net) or call (201) 788-5133. Adults - \$220, Full-time Students - \$135 (must be over 12). Those under 18 must be accompanied by Parent or legal guardian. For more info, contact David Moskovic, Marc Hanfling at [dccdad@aol.com](mailto:dccdad@aol.com), Barry Wolf, Mayer Berg

### **DR. PRESBY SHIURIM**

Dr. Presby Shiurim:

- Woman: Pele Yoetz (a combination of Halacha and mussar shiur) Tuesdays 8 pm at the Presby home, 467 Lincoln Ave, HP

- Men / Women: Eicha Wed at noon via conference call, Dial in #605-475-6333 code 9017189

- Men: Megillah Thursdays 8:45pm at the Presby home, 467 Lincoln Ave, HP or via conference call, Dial in #605-475-6333 code 9017189

- Men / Women: Nach Shiur on Shabbos 4pm at the Presby home, 467 Lincoln Ave, HP  
Info contact Dr. Presby at 732-925-4828

### **BIKUR CHOLIM**

Bikur Cholim Senior Homebound Visitation Program is growing!!! We are looking for more volunteers and seniors to visit. Please call Cindy

Baruch at 908-309-8818 to become a part of this wonderful mitzvah and to volunteer.

### **FOR WOMEN**

Women's Learning Initiative:

-Offers customized Torah learning partners / chavrusas. For a personalized study program of your choice, email your contact info to [womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com](mailto:womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com)

- Weekly Parsha shiur with Mrs. Miri Cohen Tuesday mornings 9:15AM. For location/zoom link, Leah at 917-763-1848.

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women:

-Tefilla class on Sundays 0AM at Aguda Shul

-Parsha class on Mondays 8PM at Ohr Torah.

Please text Nechama at 347-909-2755 to confirm.

--Emanah Chaburah - monthly shiur by Rabbi Gedaliah Jaffe on the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7PM-7:45PM at AY, 1587 Rte. 27, Edison.

### **LEFKOVITS FAMILY PARK MIKVAH**

The Mikvah is appt only. All appts should be made via [MikvahCloud.com](http://MikvahCloud.com) or via MikvahCloud app. Regular services, baths and showers, are offered. See [mikvahcloud.com](http://mikvahcloud.com) for mikvah hours. Face mask should be worn at the mikvah. All comments and questions, email [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto:hpmikvah@gmail.com)

### **BIKUR CHOLIM**

-Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley SENIOR VISITATION PROGRAM, providing weekly or bi weekly visitation to members of our community. We are looking volunteers 18 years and older. For more info please contact Cindy Baruch at 908-309-8818 or email her at [cindy.baruch@verizon.net](mailto:cindy.baruch@verizon.net)

-Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley has services in the community for over Shabbos and Yom Tov:

\* Account with AA Checker cab 732-545-2300 (reimburse Bikur Cholim at a later time)

\* account with Rite Aid in HP to get prescriptions filled (reimburse with a Rite Aid gift card at a later time) Questions 732 572 7181

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--TO RECEIVE ALL OT EMAILS: Send your full name and email address to [mailmaster@ohrtorah.net](mailto:mailmaster@ohrtorah.net)

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Reuben Atlas or Elie Wiesel at [reservations@ohrtorah.net](mailto:reservations@ohrtorah.net)

Shalosh Seudos, contact Elie Wiesel BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702.

TREE OF LIFE / YAHRZEIT PLAQUES: To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or Leaf for the Lobby Eitz Chayim Tree, contact Moish Nat by sending detailed email with all dedicatory wording to [marty@rivieradoors.com](mailto:marty@rivieradoors.com). For more info, call

Moish at 732-759-8070 work days or 732-572-4132 in the evening.

SEFORIM DEDICATIONS: Book/Seforim

Dedications are paused pending new initiatives

HOUSEKEEPING: Housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto:ludeeju@gmail.com) or 732-572-5633.

KEILIM MIKVAH HOURS :Ohr Torah Keilim Mikvah hours are officially Sundays 7AM-10AM.

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM: Children can register for events on OT's website "[ohrtorah.net](http://ohrtorah.net)" or call Aaron Breslin at 908-907-7308.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING: See OT website, [www.ohrtorah.net](http://www.ohrtorah.net), for various schedules of learning as a Z'chus for a Refuah Shleimah

FUNERAL/ SHIVA ANNOUNCEMENTS: For funeral and Shiva email and phone mail announcements contact Reena Greenspan 732-678-8848 (cell), [reenagreenspan@yahoo.com](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com)

YAHRZEIT DATABASE: To register a family member in Yahrzeit database, go to [ohrtorah.net](http://ohrtorah.net), click Members tab, then click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

LOCAL ERUV: Find out status of the eruv by:

Email: We send out email within 30 minutes after eruv's status has been determined. Sign up to this service by sending a blank email to [hperuv+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:hperuv+subscribe@groups.io).

Twitter: This is our official notification channel. Follow @hp\_eruv to get the eruv status as soon as it has been determined.

Facebook: Join Facebook Group hperuv and get eruv notifications within 30 minutes after Twitter update.

Website: Website at <https://hperuv.org> shows eruv's status on the top of the main page. Website also has up to date map of entire eruv.

Hotline: Eruv Hotline at 732-487-ERUV which is updated as soon as the eruv's status has been determined. Questions?: David Weintraub@[David@weintraub.name](mailto:David@weintraub.name)

P'arshat Tzav

Candlelighting

Mincha

7:01 PM

7:10 PM

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